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DELHI TURNS GAS CHAMBER AS AIR QUALITY ERODES FURTHER

The air quality index in the national capital worsened further on Thursday, to a notch short of the 'severe plus' category. In view of the deteriorating condition, the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) directed authorities to ban the plying of four-wheeled diesel light motor vehicles in NCR and the entry of trucks into Delhi as part of anti-pollution measures under the final stage of the Graded Response Action Plan.

Two-phase Guj polls on Dec 1, 5

Parties expedite finalising of candidates

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WITH Gujarat going to polls in two phases on December 1 and 5, the schedule for which was finally announced by the Election Commissio on Thursday, political parties accelerated the process to pick their candidates. The state has historically seen a bipolar BJP-Congress contest, but the AAP is trying to make it triangular.

Counting of votes will happen on December 8, along with that of Himachal Pradesh, where polling will be held on November 12. The announcement of the poll schedule was delayed by a few days because of the recent Morbi bridge disaster, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said in Delhi. In the morning, Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a meeting of BJP leaders in Gandhinagar, where the names of 47 candidates from 13 districts were learnt to be finalised. In all, the state had 182 Assembly seats.

The AAP has been the early bird, announcing names of 118 candidates so far. It is expected to announce its CM face on Friday. The Congress is yet to stir out and make itself visible in a big way, though its leadership has been camping in Delhi since Wednesday to finalise its list of candidates. Names for 98 seats are said to have been cleared by the party high command so far.

As for the BJP, its meeting in Gandhinagar will continue for the next two days to draw up the list of candidates for the rest of the seats. The party is drawing up a shortlist of three-four names for each seat before sending it to to its central election committee.

It has already assigned a district each to more than 20 national leaders, who will stay there till the polls are over to strategise all aspects of planning and implementation right up to the booth level. They will also help identify winnable candidates. P10

Clockwise from left: Imran Khan waves before he was shot at during a rally at Pakistan's Punjab; the gunman being captured; and Khan's close aide and senior PTI leader Faisal Javed receiving first aid for injuries after a bullet grazed his face | PTI

Assassination bid on Pak ex-PM Imran

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PAKISTAN's ousted prime minister Imran Khan was on Thursday shot in the leg during his protest march against the Shehbaz Sharif government, at Wazirabad in Pakistan's Punjab. Khan, 70, was taken to his own Shaukat Khanum Memorial Hospital in Lahore and is out of danger. Police officials said multiple shots were fired, killing one person and injuring several other party workers.

The gunman, who was caught on camera, was overpowered and arrested. "He (Khan) was misleading the people and I could not bear watching it so I attempted to kill him," he said in a video confession.

The gunman opened fire on the container-mounted truck carrying the cricketer-turned politician from close range. Pakistan's Geo TV reported the attacker was identified as Naved, who appeared to be in his early 20s. While no group has claimed responsibility for the attack and initial reports suggest the gunman acted alone, the incident has brought back chilling memories of the assassination of Benazir Bhutto, the first democratically elected female leader of a Muslim country, in 2007.

Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party termed the attack "a well-planned assassination attempt". Local media quoted senior PTI leader Asad Umar as saying that Khan has blamed three people for the attack on his life — Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif, interior minister Rana Sanaullah and Army Major General Faisal. P12

MYSTERY DEATH

Renukacharya's nephew found dead in car

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BJP MLA M P Renukacharya's nephew **Chandrashekhar**, who was missing since October 30, was found dead under mysterious circumstances at H Kadadakatte village of Honnali taluk on Thursday. Chandrashekhar's decomposed body was found in the back seat of his SUV (Hyundai Creta), which was fished out from the Upper Tunga Canal. Chandrashekhar is the son of Ramesh, who is Renukacharya's brother. Renukacharya is Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's political secretary.

The district police took Chandrashekhar's friend Kiran into custody. Kiran is said to have travelled with Chandrashekhar to Gowri Gadde to meet spiritualleader Vinay Guruji and the incident is said to have occurred when they were returning. CONTINUED ON: P5

2030 goals: E-mobility requires a step change

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INDIA is at the cusp of a major e-mobility revolution, with all eyes on the goal to achieve 30 per cent electric-vehicle (EV) penetration by 2030. However, on this journey, experts say certain critical imperatives are to be considered which will power India to emerge as a promising EV market.

Addressing a conclave on 'Mobility of future: India's transition to clean mobility' at the Global Investors Meet 2022, Sachin Nijhawan, Chief Commercial Officer, Switch Mobility, said, "The transport sector contributes around 6.3% of India's GDP. With the economy growing at a rapid pace, transportation growth is inevitable. But here come some challenges. We have some of the most polluted cities, which unleash massive CO2 emissions, affecting sustainability. Ninety per cent of these emissions are from the transport sector. However, we strongly believe that if we shift towards clean mobility, we can save about 1.7 GW of cumulative CO2 that is emitted." P4

Cabinet to bring in Special Investment Region Bill

The state cabinet on Thursday decided to bring in the Special Investment Region Act which will ensure that the work for investors and industrialists is carried out at greater speed. The Bill will allow the government to create a special authority that acts as a single-window clearance system, which already exists in Gujarat. P4

EXPRESS READ

Woman, twins die after hosp turns them away

TUMAKURU: In a shocking incident, a pregnant woman and her twin babies died during delivery at her home on Thursday after the Tumakuru District General Hospital on Wednesday refused to admit her as she failed to produce her health card. Kasturi (30), was a resident of Tumakuru. The hospital told her to go to Bengaluru's Victoria Hospital. She, however, returned home and developed complications and bleeding while delivering the babies on Thursday and died along with the newborns. P5

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POLL SCHEDULE

First phase: Dec 1
(89 seats in 19 districts)

Second phase: Dec 5
(93 seats in 14 districts)

Counting of votes
December 8

4,91,17,308
Total voters

3,24,420
Voters who joined the list after turning 18

PRESENT PARTY POSITIONS — TOTAL 182

BJP 111 | Cong 62 | BTP 2 | NCP 1 | Indpt 1 | Vacant 5

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science & Technology
Government of Karnataka

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(Idea2PoC Grant-in-aid for Startups by OBC Entrepreneurs)

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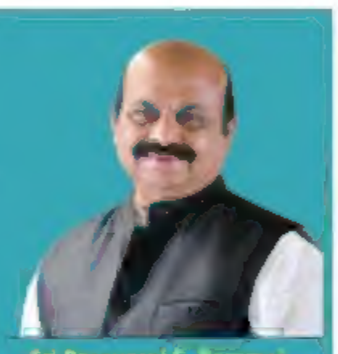

Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Government of Karnataka

Calling for Innovative Startups

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TIMELINE TO APPLY :
From 4th November, 2022 (9.00 am) to 4th December, 2022 (up to 5.00 pm)

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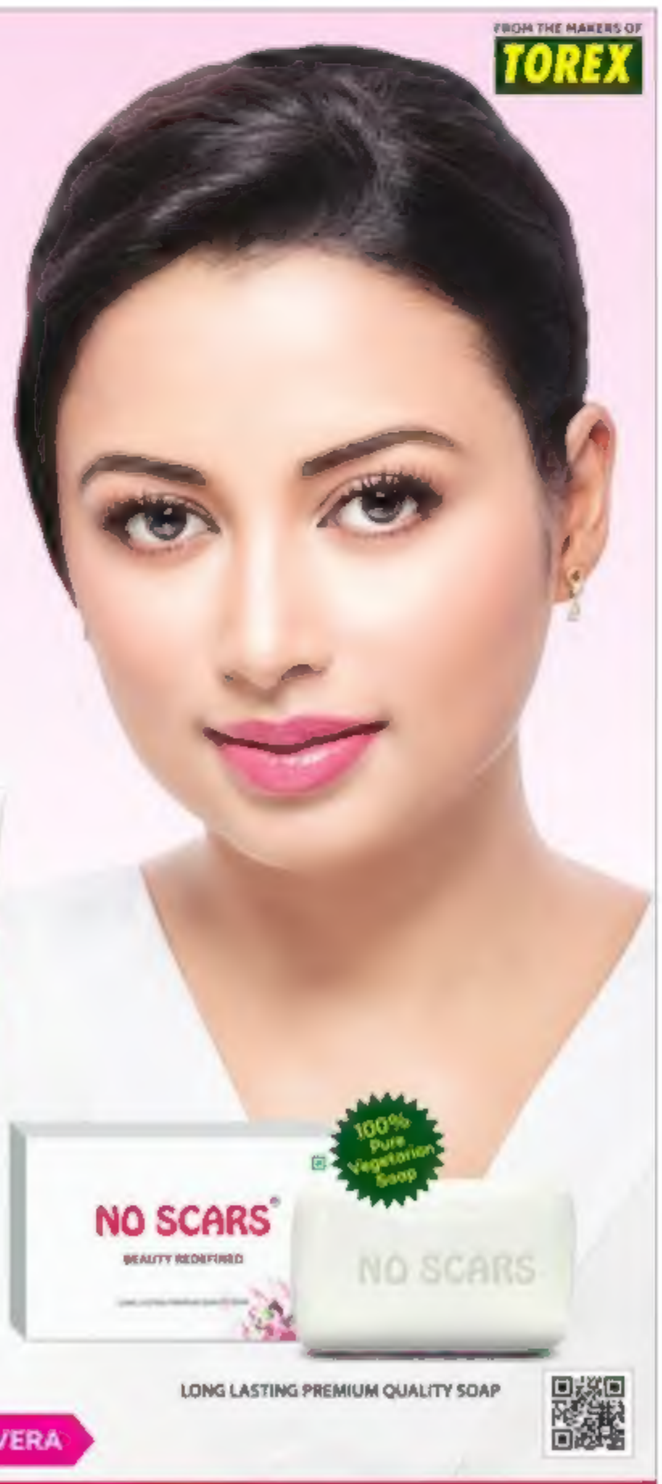

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